

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Second Session of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Congress convened
as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Witkowski Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anne A. Witkowski, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 4, 2022; and that at 12:00 noon, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, with all provisions remaining in effect.

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Nominations Returned to the President: The following nominations were returned to the President failing of confirmation under Senate Rule XXXI at the time of the sine die adjournment of the First Session of the 117th Congress:

Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Beth Pritchard Geer, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Robert P. Klein, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Kimberly Caudle Lewis, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2025.

L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2021.

L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

Brenda Sue Fulton, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Solomon Jeffrey Greene, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Robert Cornelius Hampshire, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Carol Annette Petsonk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Cynthia Weiner Stachelberg, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Cynthia C. Hogan, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2024.

Shirley Sachi Sagawa, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2024.

Mark Colon, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Elizabeth Schoff Watson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Ed Gonzalez, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Sean Burton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2024.

Jennifer Beth Sass, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Sarah Margon, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Grant T. Harris, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Javier Ramirez, of Illinois, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

Tovah R. Calderon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Carlton Waterhouse, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

David Uejio, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

Laura Daniel-Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2028.

Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018.

Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for a term expiring January 19, 2025.

Mallory A. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.

Barbara George Johnson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring February 4, 2026.

Mildred Otero, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2026.

Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Gerald W. Fauth, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

Ernest W. DuBester, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2024.

Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

Tamara Cofman Wittes, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025.

Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Amy Elizabeth Searight, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Charlotte N. Sweeney, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2025.

Kurt Thomas Rumsfeld, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Owen Edward Herrnstadt, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025.

Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2027.

Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

Viquar Ahmad, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Viquar Ahmad, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2024.

Reta Jo Lewis, of Georgia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025.

James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2019.

Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador.

Adrienne Jennings Noti, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Jed David Kolko, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

Joseph F. DeCarolis, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Maria Duaime Robinson, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Office of Electricity).

Henry Christopher Frey, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Susan Harthill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2027.

Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Mari Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

John N. Nkengasong, of Georgia, to be Ambassador at Large, Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

Glen S. Fukushima, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

Glen S. Fukushima, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

Steven Scott Cliff, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Ann Claire Phillips, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Laurel A. Blatchford, of the District of Columbia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2021.

Samuel H. Slater, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2023.

Monde Muyangwa, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Amanda Bennett, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media.

Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues.

Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Helaine Ann Greenfeld, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Beverly Gage, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Fiona Whelan Prine, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

Alvin Harlyn Warren, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2023.

Andrew Foiss, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States for a term of five years.

Kristin N. Johnson, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2025.

Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Bridget Meehan Brennan, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Victoria Marie Calvert, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

John H. Chun, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Charles Esque Fleming, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Sarah Elisabeth Geraghty, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Dale E. Ho, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

David Augustin Ruiz, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Georgette Castner, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Jacqueline Scott Corley, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Julie Rebecca Rubin, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Cristina D. Silva, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Leonard Philip Stark, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Trina L. Thompson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Anne Rachel Traum, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Andre B. Mathis, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Steven H. Fagin, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Sandra L. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:03 p.m. and adjourned at 12:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Dingell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Convening of the Second Session of the 117th Congress: Pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the House met at 12 noon on January 3, 2022 for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress. Pursuant to section 4(a) of H. Res. 829, the Chair announced that no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day. The Chair further announced that messages requiring action will be laid before the House on a subsequent day and that bills and resolutions introduced today will receive a number but will not be referred to committee or noted in the Record until a subsequent day. Executive communications, memorials, and petitions likewise will be referred and numbered on a subsequent day. **Page H1**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 4 through January 7, 2022

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Anne A. Witkowski, of Mary-

land, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

At 12 noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 5, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine how Community Development Financial Institutions support underserved communities, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: January 5, business meeting to consider 17 GSA resolutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 5, business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, and Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, all of the Department of Labor, Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, Javier Ramirez, of Illinois, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, and Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation Board, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 6, business meeting to consider the nominations of Katherine Vidal, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Ryan K. Buchanan, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, Andrew M. Luger, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, and Mark A. Totten, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: January 5, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Capitol Police following the January 6th attack on the Capitol, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Anne A. Witkowski, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

At 12 noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

(Senate will recess following disposition of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Thursday, January 6

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at noon.



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